

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 75-78, 81-98, and 101-116, and add new Claims 138-153. A complete copy of the claims including marked-up versions of each claim which is amended in this Amendment appears below.

Claims 1-74 (Cancelled).

- 1 75. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:
3 at least one sheet of web material ~~including~~ comprising at least one fold located
4 therein, at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure
5 located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness, weakness on
6 opposite sides of said fold, and an opening located generally directly opposite said fold
7 structure; fold, and
8 a reclosable fastener structure ~~including~~ comprising two releasably engageable
9 tracks each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending therefrom; therefrom,
10 said fold being located in said reclosable fastener structure intermediate said skirt
11 structures;
12 said skirt ~~structure~~ structures each including a distal margin;

13 said distal ~~margin~~ margins of said skirt structures being coupled to said web material at,
14 ~~at least one location~~ at corresponding opposed locations respectively located between
15 said areas of structural weakness and said opening;
16 said reclosable fastener structure extending past said fold and said areas of structural
17 weakness;
18 said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said
19 opening.

1 76. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said reclosable fastener structure extends over said fold structure to enclose said
3 fold structure therein when said reclosable fastener structure is in a closed position.

1 77. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

1 78. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said skirt web material is coupled to ~~the~~ said reclosable fastener structure.

1 79. (Withdrawn) The reclosable bag of claim 75 wherein the web material includes an
2 outside surface and an inside surface; the inside surface including a predetermined area
3 having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

1 80. (Withdrawn) The reclosable bag of claim 79 wherein the peelable seal, when
2 formed, is hermetic.

1 81. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said sheet of web material ~~of said reclosable bag~~ is substantially comprised of a
3 sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

1 82. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 81~~ as defined in Claim 81,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film material.

1 83. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined
3 dimension of said sheet of web material.

1 84. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 83~~ as defined in Claim 83,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension is width.

1 85. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 83~~ as defined in Claim 83,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension is length.

1 86. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined
3 dimension of said sheet of said web material.

1 87. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 86~~ as defined in Claim 86,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension is width.

1 88. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 86~~ as defined in Claim 86,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension is length.

1 89. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of
3 said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

1 90. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

1 91. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

1 92. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

1 93. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 75~~ as defined in Claim 75,
2 wherein said sheet of web material ~~is comprised of~~ comprises a multiple laminate film.

1 94. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 93~~ as defined in Claim 93,
2 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a
3 tear path.

1 95. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 94~~ as defined in Claim 94,
2 wherein said tear path is hermetic.

1 96. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:

3 at least one sheet of web material ~~including~~ comprising at least one fold located
4 therein, ~~at least two areas of structural weakness, having at least one fold structure~~
5 ~~located between and defined by said two areas of structural weakness,~~ weakness on
6 opposite sides of said fold, and an opening located ~~generally~~ directly opposite said fold
7 structure;

8 a reclosable fastener structure including two releasably engageable fastener tracks
9 each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending ~~therefrom~~; therefrom, said
10 skirt structures each including a distal ~~margin~~; margin, said distal margins being
11 respectively coupled to said sheet of web material ~~at~~, ~~at least one~~ corresponding opposed
12 locations respectively located between said areas of structural weakness and said
13 ~~opening~~; opening, wherein said reclosable fastener structure extending past said areas of
14 structural weakness and over said fold structure;
15 said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product through said
16 opening.

1 97. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 96~~ as defined in Claim 96,
2 wherein the skirt web material is integral to the reclosable fastener structure.

1 98. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 96~~ as defined in Claim 96,
2 wherein the skirt web material is coupled to the reclosable fastener structure.

1 99. (Withdrawn) The reclosable bag of claim 96 wherein the web material includes an
2 outside surface and an inside surface; the inside surface including a predetermined area
3 having a releasable adhesive material thereon; whereby a peelable seal may be formed.

1 100. (Withdrawn) The reclosable bag of claim 99 wherein the peelable seal, when
2 formed, is hermetic.

1 101. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 96~~ as defined in Claim 96,
2 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a sheet of a
3 parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

1 102. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 101~~ as defined in Claim 101,
2 wherein the areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film.

1 103. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 96~~ as defined in Claim 96,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined
3 dimension of said sheet of web material.

1 104. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 103~~ as defined in Claim 103,
2 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

1 105. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 103~~ as defined in Claim 103,
2 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

1 106. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 96~~ as defined in Claim 96,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined
3 dimension of said sheet of said web material.

1 107. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 106~~ as defined in Claim 106,
2 wherein the predetermined dimension is width.

1 108. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 106~~ as defined in Claim 106,
2 wherein the predetermined dimension is length.

1 109. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 96~~ as defined in Claim 96,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of
3 said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

1 110. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 96~~ as defined in Claim 96,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

1 111. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 96~~ as defined in Claim 96,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

1 112. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 96~~ as defined in Claim 96,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

1 113. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 96~~ as defined in Claim 96,
2 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

1 114. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 113~~ as defined in Claim 113,
2 wherein said multiple laminate film includes at least one layer of material comprising a
3 tear path.

1 115. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 114~~ as defined in Claim 114,
2 wherein said tear path is hermetic.

1 116. A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable bag
2 comprising:

3 at least one sheet of web material, ~~said at least one sheet of web material~~ including
4 a first side and a second side; sides thereof, said at least one sheet of web material having
5 a fold structure located therein and an opening located directly opposite said fold
6 structure, said first side of said at least one sheet of web material defining an interior of
7 the reclosable bag, said second side of said at least one sheet of web material defining an
8 exterior of the reclosable bag;

9 at least one tear tape structure, said at least one tear tape structure located ~~between~~
10 ~~said first side and said second side of~~ in said fold in said at least one sheet of web
11 material;
12 ~~at least one fold structure, and an opening located generally opposite said fold~~
13 ~~structure;~~
14 a reclosable fastener structure having two releasably engageable fastener halves
15 each including at least one an integral skirt structure of skirt web material extending
16 ~~therefrom;~~ therefrom, said integral skirt structures each including at least one distal
17 ~~margin;~~ margin, said distal margins being coupled to said sheet of web material ~~at,~~ at
18 ~~least one~~ corresponding opposed locations on said second side of said at least one sheet
19 of web material which are each located between said tear tape structure and said opening;
20 wherein said reclosable fastener structure ~~extending~~ extends past said tear tape structure
21 and over said fold structure;
22 said reclosable bag capable of being filled with at least one food product.

Claims 117-137 (Cancelled).

1 138. (New) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable
2 bag comprising:
3 at least one sheet of web material defining:

4 a front panel having a top, a bottom, and sides; and
5 a rear panel having a top, a bottom, and sides, said tops and said sides of
6 said front and rear panels being coupled together, an opening being located
7 between said bottoms of said front and rear panels;
8 an area of structural weakness located in each of said front and rear panels below
9 said tops of said front and rear panels and extending between at least a substantial portion
10 of said sides of said front and rear panels; and
11 a reclosable fastener assembly comprising first and second interlockable fastener
12 tracks each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending downwardly
13 therefrom, said skirt structures each including a distal portion, said distal portion of said
14 skirt structure of said first fastener track being coupled to said front panel below said area
15 of structural weakness located in said front panel, said distal portion of said skirt structure
16 of said second fastener track being coupled to said rear panel below said area of structural
17 weakness located in said rear panel;
18 wherein said reclosable fastener assembly extends over the portions of said front and rear
19 panels located between said areas of structural weakness and said tops of said front and
20 rear panels, and wherein said reclosable bag is capable of being filled with at least one
21 food product through said opening.

22 139. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein said areas of structural
23 weakness define a tear off portion located therebetween, said tear off portion being
24 capable of being removed by tearing along said areas of structural weakness.

1 140. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein said front panel and said
2 rear panel comprise a single segment of web material, a fold being located in said
3 segment of web material intermediate said front panel and said rear panel.

1 141. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 140, wherein said fold is located
2 intermediate said areas of structural weakness.

1 142. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein said areas of structural
2 weakness comprise a hermetic seal.

1 143. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein at least a substantial
2 portion of said areas of structural weakness extend in a direction which is generally
3 parallel to said first and second interlockable fastener tracks.

1 144. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein portions of said front
2 and rear panels located near said top sides thereof are releasably coupled to each, thereby
3 forming a peelable hermetic seal.

1 145. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein said areas of structural
2 weakness are integral to said web material.

1 146. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein said sheet of web
2 material comprises a multiple laminate film.

1 147. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein areas of structural
2 weakness comprise perforations.

1 148. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein areas of structural
2 weakness comprise microperforations.

1 149. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein areas of structural
2 weakness comprise scoring.

1 150. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, additionally comprising:
2 at least one tear tape structure coupled to said web material and adjacent to at least
3 one of said areas of structural weakness.

1 151. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, additionally comprising:
2 notches in said sides of said front and rear panels which are located adjacent
3 opposite ends of said areas of structural weakness.

1 152. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, wherein opposite ends of said
2 first and second fastener tracks are sealed together.

3 153. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 138, additionally comprising:
4 a slider which is slidably mounted on said first and second fastener tracks between
5 opposite ends of said first and second fastener tracks to selectively engage said tracks
6 together and disengage said first and second fastener tracks, thereby respectively closing
7 and opening said reclosable bag.